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TAGS: ENRG, UN, ECOSOC

SUBJ: ENERGY--FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR UN SPONSORED  
CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 15406

1. SUMMARY: AMB FERGUSON IN MEETING WITH MINISTER  
ROUGE (FRENCH REP ECOSOC) CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTIONS  
REFTEL. END SUMMARY

2. AMB MET MIN ROUHE AM JAN 25 TO INFORM HIM THAT US  
COULD NOT SUPPORT THE CALLING NOW OF A UN WORLD ENERGY  
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CONFERENCE AND US LEFT OPEN POSSIBILITY OF APPROPRIATE

UN INVOLVEMENT IN SOME ASPECTS OF ENERGY AT SOME DATE  
IN FUTURE.

3. IN ELABORATION FERGUSON STATED THAT USG OF THE OPINION  
THAT FRENCH INITIATIVE COULD ONLY LEAD TO DISORDER,  
CONFUSION, DUPLICATION, MULTIPLICATION OF FORUMS AND OTHER  
SITUATIONS WHICH WOULD MAKE MEANINGFUL OUTCOMES EXTREMELY  
DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. MOREOVER UN-WIDE CONFERENCE INEVITABLY  
WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF DIMINISHING AMERICAN INITIATIVE  
BY PROVIDING DIRECT FORUM TO THOSE WHOSE VIEWS ARE BEING  
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN US INITIATIVE BUT WHO MIGHT NONETHELESS  
FEEL IMPELLED TO UTILIZE UN FORUM FOR NARROW NATIONAL  
POLITICAL SUPPORT. FURTHER FERGUSON INFORMED ROUGE THAT  
FOR FOREGOING REASONS US WOULD IN OPERATIONAL TERMS BE  
IMPELLED TO (A) OPPOSE ANY CALL FOR SPECIAL ECOSOC SESSION;  
(B) OPPOSE INSCRIPTION OF ITEM ON UPCOMING SPRING ECOSOC  
SESSION; AND (C) OPPOSE RECALL OF GA FOR DEALING WITH CALL  
FOR CONVOCATION OF CONFERENCE. FERGUSON ADDED THAT IT  
SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT ENERGY WILL BE ON SUMMER ECOSOC  
AGENDA IN GENEVA IN ANY EVENT.

4. ROUGE'S REACTION VERY INTENSE TO THE POINT OF APPEARING  
TO BE IN PHYSICAL PAIN. HE STATED THAT FRENCH SAW THEIR  
INITIATIVE AND US INITIATIVE AS COMPLEMENTARY--THEY SEEKING  
TO BUTTRESS, UNDERPIN AND ASSIST US BUT THAT FRENCH VIEW  
NO ONE COULD DENY WORLDWIDE IMPORT OF PROBLEM AND THAT ONLY  
PROPER FORUM FOR SUCH CONCERNS LAY UNDER UN FLAG. FURTHER  
ROUGE STATED FRENCH NOT CONSIDERING RECALLING 28TH  
GA BECAUSE THAT WOULD LEAD SIMPLY TO "A LOT OF UNMANAGEABLE  
FOOLISHNESS." FYI: FERGUSON DID NOT PUT TO ROUGE QUESTION  
OF LOGICAL ANTITHESIS TO UNMANAGEABLE FOOLISHNESS, I.E.  
MANAGEABLE FOOLISHNESS. END FYI. ROUGE FURTHER ELABORATED  
THAT AT MOMENT ALL FRENCH WANTED TO DO WAS TO GET UN  
SEIZED OF PROBLEM FOR PURPOSES OF PROCEEDING WITH PROPER  
STUDIES AND THE LIKE. THAT FRENCH QUITE SERIOUS IN THEIR  
INITIATIVE WHICH WAS NOT MOTIVATED BY ATTEMPT TO CAUSE  
SECSTATE DIFFICULTY BUT OUT OF DESIRE TO CREATE CERTAIN  
LOGICAL STRUCTURES FOR COPING WITH ENERGY IN BROADEST  
SENSE.

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5. FERGUSON REASSERTED US CONCEPTION OF BQILDING BLOCK  
APPROACH AND REASSERTED VIEW OF USG THAT EVEN HAVING US  
SEIZED OF ENERGY PROBLEM UNDER FRENCH INITIATIVE WAS  
LOGICALLY IMPOMPATIBLE WITH THE APPROACH USG ADOPTED WHICH  
APPROACH HAD BEEN SET FORTH PRIOR TO THE JOBERT LETTER TO  
SYG. FERGUSON ADDED THAT OFFICE OF SYG HAD BEEN MADE AWARE  
OF USG POSITION AS WELL AS PRES KARHILO (PRES ECOSOC).

6. COMMENT: ROUGE'S PAIN QUITE APPARENT  
IN HIS COMPOSURE. IN FERGUSON'S OPINION FRENCH WHILE  
ANTICIPATING OUT COOLNESS, DID NOT ANTICIPATE BLUNTNES  
OF OUR POSITION, PARTICULARLY THAT OF NOT SUPPORTING CALL  
FOR SPECIAL ECOSOC SESSION FOR INSCRIPTION IN SPRING.

7. EVEN AT THIS EARLY DATE TWO DEVELOPMENTS SEEM INEVITABLE FROM FRENCH SIDE: (A) INTENSIFICATION OF "SPOILER" ROLE FRENCH INTEND TO PLAY REGARDING WASHINGTON CONFERENCE, SEE SEPTEL; AND (B) LIKELIHOOD FRENCH WILL BECOME MISCHIEVOUS IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

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